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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE DRAWINGS

Being filed concurrently herewith is a separate paper entitled "Proposed Drawing Corrections." Enclosed with that paper is a redline copy of Fig. 4A indicating the proposed changes. It is submitted that these changes to the drawings do not introduce new matter into the application. Approval of the proposed changes is hereby requested.

REMARKS

Figure 4A is a schematic representation of the invention as shown in Figure 4B. Figure 4A should be changed to show that the emitter of parasitic transistor 74 is coupled to the input voltage Vcc through the resistance 44 as shown in Figure 4B and described in the specification at page 19, lines 1-6. The change does not constitute new matter and is made only to ensure that Figure 4A accurately depicts the claimed invention. Approval of the proposed changes is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters

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or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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